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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2007.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A copy of the **Pending Claims** is attached hereto. No claim amendments are made.

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